News release

Dull summer

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As children head back to school this month, the Met Office has revealed that this summer has been the dullest for more than a decade. The last time England and Wales had such a dull summer was in 1988.

Throughout June, July and August combined, there was an average of 5.53 hours of sunshine a day, just 0.01 hours above 1988. There was also more rain than normal: 224 mm compared to the average of 202 mm. However, temperatures were 0.5 °C above the average of 15.3 °C.

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